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Mr. David Edgerley, Secretary
Maryland Department of Business
and Economic Development
217 East Redwood Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Secretary  Edgerley:

As you well know, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) will have significant impacts on Montgomery and many other Maryland Counties that are home to military installations. BRAC expansion at the National Naval Medical Center will cause substantial increases in traffic congestion which will have a measurable impact on commercial and residential areas of Montgomery County. Other jurisdictions, particular those around Fort Meade and Aberdeen Proving Grounds, will also experience significant BRAC-related growth.

In that regard I am writing to encourage the Department of Business and Economic Development to conduct a comprehensive study of the economic impacts of BRAC on these communities. Such a study will assist them in preparing short and long term strategies to address these impacts. BRAC is a federal mandate recommended by the Department of Defense and enacted into law by Congress. Therefore, I encourage DBED to seek appropriate federal funding to conduct this essential study.

I appreciate your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



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County Executive